

## FLETCHER TO WARN CARRANZA

American Ambassador to Call Mexican Government's Attention to Work of German Spies There.

Washington, July 31.—So numerous have reports of German spy activities and propaganda in Mexico become that Ambassador Fletcher is prepared to call attention of the Mexican government to the links in that country between Berlin and German agents in the United States.

Officials of the State Department do not call into question the integrity of the Mexican government, but reports have left no doubt of a German organization in Mexico in violation of Mexico's neutrality. The Carranza government is believed to be disturbed by abuse of its hospitality and there is a feeling here that the time is not distant when representatives in Mexico of the German foreign office may officially be questioned.

How extensive the work of the German agents has been in forwarding information to Germany by mail or by other means has not been ascertained by American agents, but evidence of their tireless activity in propaganda has been produced. Since Carl Heynen was arrested a few days ago on the charge of spy activities in the United States it has become known that he was intimately connected with the German spy system in Mexico and that men formerly under him are continuing their efforts.

One man whom agents of the United States are watching is Richard Eversbusch, the German consul at Tampico. Mr. Eversbusch was the partner in business of Mr. Heynen, the firm name for many years being Heynen & Eversbusch.

While almost every other government has decreased the number of its consular representatives in Mexico, Germany has kept there a full list and Minister von Eckhardt has been at the capital since the overthrow of Huerta.

It will be pointed out to the Mexican government that if reasonable proof of undue activities by any German consular diplomat is found a precedent for expulsion from the country lies in the cases of Dumba, Von Papen and Boy-Ed.

## TRI CKERY IN A PEACE MOVE

Washington Believes that Germany is Seeking to Sow Discord Among the Entente Allies.

Washington, July 31.—The German chancellor peace interview is regarded at the State Department as another German attempt to bolster up public opinion at home, appeal to the peace sentiment in enemy and neutral countries, and create dissension between the Allies. At the Russian embassy it was said to be wholly incorrect in fact.

State Department officials say that while Germany attempts by innuendo to fasten on France a vast campaign of conquest with the hope of making a breach with the new Russian democracy, Michaelis makes no suggestion that Germany herself has in any way reversed her war program or accepted the principle of no annexation.

The new attempt at peace is considered as hollow as the many others which have always followed a successful offensive and which took their

most tangible form in the official German peace offer of December 12.

## EIGHT DEAD IN FOREST FIRE

Sixty Men and Twenty Teams Are Trapped in Blind Valley in British Columbia.

Fernie, B. C., July 30.—Eight men are known to have perished and a number are missing in a fire that swept the Spruce River Valley, fifteen miles northeast of here, yesterday afternoon. Sixty-odd men and about twenty teams were trapped in a camp of the Elk Lumber Company, situated in a blind valley, and their flight over the mountain was most difficult.

Millions of feet of logs, the logging railroad and the bush camp building, together with equipment, horses and supplies, are a total loss. The fire was considerably checked by heavy showers that fell last night.

## OPPOSED TO A FOOD BOARD

Washington, July 31.—President Wilson today declared again his opposition to amendments to the Food Control Bill now in conference providing for an administrative board of three instead of one and for the creation of a congressional committee on expenditures in the conduct of the war.

The President's position was made clear today to Senator Chamberlain, one of the conferees on the bill. The President considers the committee on conduct of the war a reflection on himself and insists that there can be no question of the greater value of an individual food administrator over an administrative board of three.

## Rammed a U. S. Transport.

An Atlantic Port, July 31.—An American transport at anchor waiting sailing orders was rammed by an inbound American steamship here today. The ship headed toward the beach in a sinking condition.

## Big Oil Man Found Dead.

Oakland, Cal., July 31.—D. G. Scofield, president and director of the California Standard Oil Company, was found dead today with a bullet wound in his head and a revolver by his side. He had been ill some time.

Mrs. R. C. Ensey and Mrs. Sol Blevens went to Kansas City yesterday for a visit.

Joseph Alford returned yesterday from a visit in Versailles, Ill.

Miss Ann Marrs went to Kansas City Wednesday for a brief visit.

Miss Mazie Hulver returned Tuesday evening from a visit in Holden, Mo. Miss Catherine Baker accompanied her home for a visit.

Miss Ella Laura Boogher who has been spending a few weeks visiting her mother, Mrs. Allie Boogher, returned Wednesday to her home in Kansas City.

William Loomis returned to Kansas City Wednesday after a visit here with his mother, Mrs. Anna Loomis.

## STARS AND STRIPES HUMANITY'S HOPE

Dr. James L. Gordon, Eloquent Scotchman, Lauds Flag WAS WINNIPEG PASTOR

The Old Flag will be just a little dearer to every true American who hears Dr. James Gordon, the eloquent Scotch divine, on the opening night of Chautauqua.

Dr. Gordon, although born in the United States, has preached for more than fifteen years in Canada. He has recently resigned the pastorate of the Central Congregational church of Winnipeg to accept a call to the First Congregational church of Washington.



Dr. James L. Gordon

D. C. He has attracted wide attention since returning to the United States and it has become the fashion in Washington to follow the crowd to hear Gordon.

**WAYS THE FLAG**  
During the critical days of the past year great crowds have been attracted to Gordon's church because of his fiery and eloquent addresses on subjects related to the great war. He is a thoroughbred American and he does not hesitate to wave the Stars and Stripes. He believes in the American flag and in American institutions. He declares that our flag is the prophecy of better days to come, and asserts that it is humanity's hope.

**SCOTTISH ANCESTRY**  
Dr. Gordon comes from a long line of Scottish warriors and preachers. His forefathers were among those "Scots Who Ha' We Wallace Bled" and love of liberty is his natural heritage.

Mrs. I. E. Ryder of Higginsville, arrived Wednesday for a visit with relatives.

## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

E. M. Taubman went to Kansas City Wednesday to spend the day on business.

## JOHN A. KNOTT ENDS CAREER

State Oil Inspector Kills Himself at Home in Hannibal Because of Ill Health.

John A. Knott, 63 years old, state oil inspector and for a quarter of a century editor of the Hannibal Morning Journal, committed suicide at Hannibal by cutting his throat with a razor. Knott was found by his wife lying in a bath tub with a deep gash across his neck. His jugular vein was partially severed.

A general breakdown in health, together with his failure to be reappointed oil inspector, which position he held under former Governor Major, is believed by many to have caused him to commit the act.

For the last few months Knott has been waging a strong fight for reappointment as oil inspector. Both United States Senators William J. Stone and James A. Reed made visits to Jefferson City in his behalf. Recently Governor Gardner officially announced that Omar D. Gray of Sturgeon would get Knott's position, while Knott would be made land reclamation commissioner, the salary of which is \$1,000 less than what Knott has been drawing from the state.

More than a year ago Knott suffered an attack of ptomaine poisoning and was near death. Since that time he has been in ill health.

Knott was a member of the state railroad and warehouse commission twelve years. When that department was abolished, four years ago, Governor Major appointed him state oil inspector. He has made his headquarters in Hannibal. Knott, for a quarter of a century has been recognized among the leaders in the Democratic party in Missouri. During last year's campaign he had charge of the publicity bureau of the Democratic state committee, and spent several weeks in St. Louis directing this phase of Governor Gardner's campaign.

## LESS HOG CHOLERA IN STATE

Conditions Throughout Missouri Are Much Improved Since April 1, Says State Veterinarian.

April 1 to July 15 hog cholera has been found and placed under quarantine and control on 531 farms, in practically every county, the official report of D. F. Luckey, state veterinarian, to the Missouri State Veterinary Medical Association, which convened at Sedalia, recently shows.

On the 531 farms were 29,529 hogs. Owners on 1,445 adjacent farms were notified they were in danger of hog cholera. Investigations in 212 additional diseased herds showed other diseases owners suspected to be cholera, and included twenty-two lots dying of cocklebur poisoning.

Reports from the 204 deputy veterinarians indicate hog cholera conditions are much improved since April 1, when the new hog cholera control went into effect, and that there is far less cholera today than last spring.

Reports from some counties indicate spring pigs in infected neighborhoods are taking cholera. All pigs in infected or exposed herds should be immunized immediately after weaning.

## An Then Draft Missed Him.

Fear of being drafted caused Edwin Kramer, 23 years old of Booneville, to shoot himself in the forehead. Kramer has been obsessed by the idea that the sheriff was going to call him for the new army and the worry caused him to attempt to kill himself. His parents were awakened by a shot and found him lying in the yard with a bullet hole in his head. He is paralyzed as a result and no hope is held out for his recovery. His home is near Blackwater, in Cooper county. Kramer's number was drawn far down the list, and he probably would not have been called.

## Montgomery Coroner Called.

Dr. B. F. Menefee, coroner of Montgomery county, received a telegram notifying him to report at Fort Riley August 10, having been selected as surgeon with the rank of lieutenant in the United States army.

## School Head Is Drafted.

The army draft was the big topic of discussion at Centralia and the names were eagerly sought by the hundreds of people who came from the country. Among the list is Prof. F. G. Hale, superintendent of the Centralia public schools as one of the judges in the Kentucky state fair of fine horses.

## Prison For Four Youths.

Jennings and Archie Fudge, Tom Kesot and Earl Hopper, all of Muncie, Ind., have been sentenced five years each in the Missouri penitentiary for robbery by Judge David H. Harris of Fulton, sitting as special judge in the Audrain County Circuit Court at Mexico. The four youths were on their way to the Kansas harvest fields, they said, and stopped at Thompson, where they were caught stealing from a freight car.

## Sewer Gas Kills Two.

Joseph and Louis Moss, brothers, were found dead in an abandoned cistern at St. Louis. The men are thought to have fallen into the cistern accidentally and to have been killed by sewer gas.

## New Company Enters State.

The Buffalo Oil and Gas Company, a \$250,000 oil and gas company of Enid, Ok., has invaded Missouri and its first action was to purchase leases on about 2,500 acres west of Columbia.

## DR. E. E. PRATT



Dr. E. E. Pratt has resigned the position of chief of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce in the department of commerce, following a row in the advisory board of the exports council, of which he was secretary.

## BIG MOVES ARE IN PROSPECT

But the People Will Not Be Told When American Forces Reach Their Destination.

Washington, July 30.—The movement of American troops to France will be carried on absolutely without publicity if the present policy of the War Department remains unaltered. Secretary Baker and some of his military advisers believe no word should be published of the arrival of troops abroad and it is probable that this will be made clear to all newspapers and press associations in forthcoming regulations under the voluntary censorship to which the press of the country has subjected itself.

Assurances have been given both by navy and army officials that disasters will not be headed under the veil of this censorship and presumably under the new arrangements the American people will be expected to understand that no news is good news in this respect.

No official explanation has been made of the reason underlying the decision to withhold from announcement the arrival of troops. It is understood, however, that Secretary Baker believes that with large troop movements in prospect as the new army or the national guard is made ready for the front, it would be unwise to call the attention of the German authorities to what is going on.

Not all War Department officials agree with the new ruling. The secretary is supported, however, by the opinion of some of the highest army officers. Secretary Daniels of the Navy Department, although he may not share Secretary Baker's views in this regard, will not permit the announcement from his department of army information Mr. Baker desires withheld.

It is probable that a system of regular officials' announcements by the War Department on the military situation will shortly be inaugurated. The secretary is known to have some such plan under consideration.

## Food Prices Going Down.

New York, July 28.—Food prices are going down, according to Walter B. Timmes, representing the Wholesale Grocers' Association, in testimony before the joint executive committee here. He promised prices would be much lower by autumn.

## Infant Paralysis at Enid, Okla.

Oklahoma City, Ok., July 28.—Dr. J. W. Duke, state health commissioner, at the request of the Enid Chamber of Commerce, left for that city today to investigate four cases of infantile paralysis reported there.

## CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

—Seventy-seven persons are dead and hundreds were prostrated by the recent intense heat wave which prevailed throughout the East and Middle West. Cases of insanity, due to the heat, also are reported, while crops suffered extensively.

—Perley Raymond Hamilton of Clinton, Mass., and James Wilson Galley of Newark, Pa., members of the American field service, were killed in France recently. They left headquarters with one of the new sections less than a month ago.

—The British cruiser Ariadne of 11,900 tons, has been torpedoed and sunk, according to an official statement issued by the British admiralty. Thirty-eight members of the Ariadne's crew were killed by the explosion. All the other officers and sailors were saved by rescuers.

—Fred H. Moore, a Los Angeles attorney, who admitted he was counsel for the I. W. W., was deported from the Warren district at Bisbee, Ariz., by deputy sheriffs and is now on his way to Columbus, N. M.

## STORM HITS CAMP

Three Members of First Missouri Killed by Lightning Near St. Louis.

## SEVERAL DANGEROUSLY HURT

Men Were Asleep When Storm Broke—Many Tents Were Set on Fire by Electricity.

Three members of the First Missouri Infantry were killed and a dozen others were injured, some of them dangerously, by a bolt of lightning in a storm which swept Camp Maxwell, St. Louis county, at 2 o'clock the other morning.

The dead are: H. S. Davis, sergeant, Company L; Dwight L. Trump, private, Company F; Charles B. Carroll, private, Company E.

Among the dangerously injured were Sergt. Jack Allen of F Company and Corp. Clarence Dunford. They were revived by means of pulmotors and are believed to be practically out of danger. The other injured men were severely burned.

The soldiers were asleep in the guard tent at the main entrance to the camp when the storm broke. The tent collapsed and the injured and dead were carried to the hospital tent, where efforts were made to revive them.

Many tents about the camp were set afire by lightning, but the occupants escaped death. The work of rescue was hindered by numerous electric wires which were blown down.

Private Trump was to have left the same day for the bedside of his dying mother at Burlington, Ia.

## Corn on Flood Land Good.

Corn replanted on overflowed bottom lands in the Charlton Valley is good. J. G. Yutz, a farmer near Caliao, had thirty acres of corn destroyed by the flood. He was unable to replant until July 1. His corn now is more than twenty-four inches high. Its growth has been more than an inch a day. Lowland farmers are confident they will raise as good crops as though floods had not drowned them out. The losses, which had been estimated at thousands, will nearly all be made good by the development of replanted fields.

## To Widen Road to Liberty.

Rock road building in Clay county is delayed by points concerning the \$1 million dollar bond issue still before the supreme court, but the Clay county court is getting state aid in permanent road work. The Liberty and Kansas City road will be widened to thirty-two feet and graded from Liberty to Winwood under specifications that will meet requirements for state aid. There will be only one hill between Kansas City and Liberty having a grade of more than 5 per cent.

## Slackers Are Arrested.

United States Deputy Marshal W. T. Brown has announced the arrest of Marvin and Homer McManis, brothers, on a charge of failing to register for the draft at their home, fifteen miles east of Nevada recently by Brown and Deputy Marshal Marrs of Joplin, on instructions from the district attorney's office at Kansas City. The sheriff of Vernon county furnished the information leading to the arrests.

## Rich Hill Women Aid in War.

The Rich Hill chapter of the national surgical committee, with one hundred members, has made its first shipment of surgical dressings to the national headquarters of the association in New York City.

## 103-Year-Old Woman Enrolls.

Mrs. Manora Johnston, 103 years old, was one of the women enrolled at Carthage to voluntarily assist the government in furtherance of the war.

## Facts About State University.

Missouri is the oldest state university west of the Mississippi River—founded in 1839. It started with 54 students, five members of the faculty, including the president, one professional department, one building and a 16-acre campus. Last year 4,349 students were enrolled in the University. It has two colleges, eight schools, an extension school, forty-three modern buildings and 800 acres of ground at Columbia. Women were admitted in 1869. At its first commencement exercises in 1843 it granted two degrees to brothers. At its seventy-fifth commencement it granted 838 degrees and certificates. Including 1917, it has granted to 6,927 persons, and about 20,000 other students have attended the University.

## Old Liberty Resident Dead.

Giles William Clardy, 68 years old, a life long resident of Clay County, died at Liberty recently.

## He Won't Claim Exemption.

On the honor list of the drawing for privates in the army is Alonzo E. Stone, circuit clerk of Platte county. Mr. Stone says he will go at once into the ranks and his exemption claimed as a civil officer will not be right.

## \$57,000 To Aid Home Guard.

Subscriptions exceeding \$57,000 for the equipment and maintenance of two regiments of home guards in St. Louis were obtained in fifteen minutes the other day.

## Don't Be Tricked Into Using Alum Baking Powder

If demonstrators of inferior baking powders endeavor by means of false tests and statements to induce you to use their products, find out by carefully reading the label if the powders they have offered contain alum.

And remember that alum is derived from mineral sources, and declared by many medical authorities unsafe to use in food.

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